Sydney 4.1.20

Dear Bro Lennan

I suppose you think I am dejected but this is proof to the contrary. Mrs D has been very ill and has occupied a majority of my time. I am taking her to Sir A McCormick tomorrow, our boss Medico + surgeon here. She has been X Rayed 3 times but nothing has been discovered to account for all the suffering she has gone through. I sent you the torch + refills and bought one of those lighters but I found the flints did not fit it and dis not send it. In fact I dont think it would be of great use with you but if I can get flints I'll send it. The kind I have are almost un-obtainable. You had a fine old bother over the boat & I hope you found all up to your satisfaction. I am wondering if you have started yet. Won't you just strike the next season now?

You did not say where to address the letters to you and I am chancing this & I that thickhead turned out to be Pmelanura so I was right in assuming it not to be the young of gutturalis. I went over all the skins in the museum. By the way you ought to have the job of labelling & sorting them, they are in a terrible mix-up -
We have just pulled thru" Xmas & adds attendant expenses & jiunketing. We are not moved from Pymble yet. The house is not finished & this one not sold so I shall have to sell one or other of them I hope at a profit & we may possibly stay on here.
Would you like me to send any illustrated papers? I could often do so if you care for them. I think 4 or 5 of us will go to the Boy Scouts this year & see what is to be found there. Send me a minute Bittern if you can. I did love Blanche. Strickland is going to Adelaide, he is appointed to the professorial chair of Pathology, he is a clever chap. Please excuse the scrawl. It is very late & I can't let another mail go.
Hope you are fit & well
With kind regards from us all Yrs E A L